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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Hundreds of hospital patients will have brighter holidays because of a new partnership between the Placer County Sheriff's Department and Cattlemens Restaurant.

The Cuddles for Comfort program is the Sheriff Department's year-round effort to acquire new or gently used stuffed toys. The efforts culminate each December with sheriff's personnel personally delivering the toys to local hospital patients. Areas visited include pediatrics, oncology, transitional living, emergency room and wherever there is someone in need of cheer.

For the first time, Cattlemens Restaurant in Roseville joined in by placing collection barrels in their lobby. Hundreds of stuffed animals were collected from both customers and employees. During the Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation dinner held at Cattlemen's Monday night, sheriff's volunteers donated dozens more toys. Kindergarteners from the Community Christian School in Lincoln also donated about 75 new stuffed toys to the cause.



Sheriff's volunteer Jim Devlin, left, joined Capt. Dave Keyes and volunteer Evan Thompson and his daughter Morgan at Monday night's Sheriff's Volunteer Appreciation dinner, where hundreds of stuffed toys were donated to brighten the holidays of local hospital patients.

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